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## New dining services now running

By Vicente Vera  
STAFF WRITER

Chartwells Higher Education, now known on campus as “Spartan Eats,” has spent this past summer recreating the dining facilities that were previously run by Spartan Shops.

The change in ownership first became a consideration when university surveys found most students were dissatisfied with the

food being served at the dining commons.

“Fifty, 60, 70 percent of the people did not like the food. They thought it was unacceptable,” Charlie Faas, Vice President of Administration and Finance, said. “You cannot operate a campus when you have that number of students that are saying ‘I’m not getting value for my money.’”

The University put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on Jan. 28 of this year because

of the grievances.

Spartan Shops, which operated as a nonprofit, was given a chance to re-apply through the RFP, however, by the end of the spring semester San Jose State University decided to go with Chartwells.

Spartan Shops employees transitioned over to Chartwells after operations began in July.

Marketing Director Stephanie Fabian is the

driving force behind the rebranding of the Student Union dining experience. She described what the process was like in selecting a name her team felt confident would resonate with students.

“Now that we’re bringing in a new dining oper-



FAAS

ator, what can we do to really be embedded in the Spartan community?” Fabian recalled asking. “Spartan Eats really stood out the most since we wanted the name spartan in there, and we wanted eats as well because we want the students to know that we are apart of what they eat on campus.”

Fabian discussed plans to move the fountain drink island so the isles

don’t get crowded.

There will also be one universal Tapingo pickup station in order to cut down the lines. Tapingo is the pickup and delivery food service that operates on campus.

Spartan Eats has replaced some eateries in the student union as well.

Familiar dining spots such as Taco Bell and Bricks

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A crew member works to remove ivy off Tower Hall on Thursday. Ivy was removed from several buildings, such as Clark Hall, Dwight Bentel Hall and Morris Dailey Auditorium, because of a rodent infestation.

## Ivy leaves buildings

By Jackie Contreras  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Tower Hall, one of San Jose State University’s oldest buildings, was stripped of its ivy in the two weeks leading up to the new semester.

The decision to remove the ivy from the building came after concerns regarding a rat infestation brought on by the plants.

“This has nothing to do with aesthetics,” Charlie Faas, vice president of administration and finance, said. “This is really a mitigation for taking care of some of the pest problems we continue to have.”

Rats and mice used the ivy attached

to the buildings as a sleeping area, which also gave them access into buildings, windows and rooflines.

Rodents entered classrooms and offices, leaving droppings behind and raising health concerns.

In addition to the droppings, the rodents caused damages to buildings by creating and worsening cracks in the wall. Faas said the damages to Tower Hall were particularly worrisome, as the building is over 100 years old.

Over the course of four days, crews worked on Tower Hall and Morris Dailey Auditorium, pulling the ivy off the sides of the buildings and scraping off the remains.

In addition to Tower Hall and

Morris Dailey Auditorium, the ivy that lined Clark Hall and Dwight Bentel Hall was also removed.

Faas emphasized that the removal of ivy was strictly due to the rodent problem and said Tower Hall looked beautiful with or without the ivy.

However, some people on campus disagreed.

“Personally, I like a little ivy on [Tower Hall] myself,” media producer for information technology Keith Sanders said. “The ivy gives it a little bit of an organic look to it, maybe even makes it look a little Ivy League,” Sanders said jokingly.

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## Papazian talks solutions in fall address

By Huan Xun Chan  
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State President, Mary Papazian, gave her annual welcome speech on Aug. 20 to the campus community, bringing forth good news concerning new facilities.

Papazian introduced a new solution for the critical campus housing issue.

“I am pleased to announce plans for Campus Village 3, which will feature 1,600 beds on the ground which is now Washburn Hall,” Papazian said.

The new campus village is expected to be 15 stories high, which will be taller than Campus Village 2.

“Two thirds of this will be apartment style units and earmarked for juniors and seniors, while the remaining third will be for first year students,” Papazian said.

The building is scheduled to break ground by this year and be ready for occupancy in about 18 months to two years.

Papazian also announced that food insecurity on campus will be improved by the establishment of



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**San Jose State President Mary Papazian delivers a speech to students, faculty and administration in the Fall Welcome Address in the Diaz Compean Student Union Ballroom on Monday.**

a new food pantry. The university is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank for this initiative.

“Because a hungry student cannot be a successful student, we also have a new permanent food pantry that will open soon to serve our students,” Papazian said.

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## Protesters unite to fight hate in San Jose

By Nicholas Zamora  
PHOTO EDITOR

Voices of dissent erupted in front of the San Jose Convention Center during the “Hate Not Welcome in San Jose” protest on Saturday with people gathering from both ends of the political spectrum to be heard, and in some cases, to antagonize.

On one side stood protesters dressed in all black with masks holding “Fuck off Nazis” signs and the other donned in almost all khaki.

The two groups’ outerwear illustrated the further shifting divide between

conservatives and liberals.

Police stood vigilant for any possible altercation with full riot gear and in numbers nearly matching the amount of protesters.

Approximately 80 people attended the protest in total. The protesters were vocal, with both sides shouting obscenities and antagonizing the other.

Police on the scene declined to comment as well as Marlin Santiano, head of security for the San Jose Marriott, the adjacent hotel to the Convention Center. He was seen surveying the event throughout and

stayed on site for most of the demonstration.

The conservative protesters were advocating to stop of violence from the far left. A smaller subset was protesting the false rise of pedophilia in the LGBTQ community.

The counter protesters were chanting against everything from racism in San Jose, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), fascism and Trump’s presidency overall.

“Fascism, which is what they’re spreading, is pretty



NICHOLAS ZAMORA | SPARTAN DAILY

**Three masked individuals hold a sign protesting against fascism during the “Hate Not Welcome in San Jose” protest on Saturday.**

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# Film lives up to high expect-Asians

Based on the 2013 novel of the same name

By Myla La Bine  
STAFF WRITER

Representation in film has been an issue in Hollywood for decades.

In the past two years, we’ve seen a slew of diverse films released and do well at the box office.

“Crazy Rich Asians” is hoping to be added to that growing list.

The film follows college professor Rachel Chu and her boyfriend Nick Young — played by Constance Wu and Henry Golding respectively — traveling to Nick’s native country Singapore for his cousin’s wedding.

The couple has been dating for a year, but Rachel is unaware of Nick’s wealthy family.

The film starts to get interesting once Rachel and Nick arrive in Singapore.

Nick’s mother, Eleanor, meets Rachel for the first time and makes it clear that she is not a fan of her son’s girlfriend.

## movie review

“Crazy Rich Asians”

Rating:  
★★★★☆

Directed:  
Jon M. Chu  
Starring:  
Constance Wu,  
Henry Golding  
Genre:  
Romantic Comedy

Rather than follow down the traditional path of a romantic comedy, the film instead chooses to portray Rachel as a classy and graceful individual who understands she cannot please everyone.

This was incredibly refreshing, as most films of this genre usually include scenes of the main character trying to be someone she is not.

All of the main female characters were portrayed as strong and independent, which I also thought was rare for a romantic comedy.

For example, although Eleanor is technically the villain of the film, she does not come across as someone you can easily hate. She just cares for her son and wants what’s best for him in the end.

She is a tough matriarch and Rachel respects her for that reason, rather than resenting her for not thinking she is good enough for Nick.

The film has great performances from the entire cast. They played their parts well, and delivered comedic lines naturally.

I believe this film will skyrocket the careers of both lead actors.

They have amazing chemistry and are extremely believable as a couple.

I also thought the film was absolutely hilarious. I laughed more than I was expecting.

The ending is surprising to say the least, and it’s only because of the way the film leads us to it.

I found its execution unique, even though you can predict what is going to happen.

The only aspect of the film I cannot speak for is if the representation of Asian culture was accurate.

I do not know if there are any Singaporean wedding customs or traditions, for instance, because none were shown in the film.

I think it would be interesting to ask someone from Singapore if they felt the film portrayed their country well.

Upon researching the film more, I discovered that some of the actors are not of Chinese descent like they are supposed to be in the film, which happens more than it

should in Hollywood.

A recent casting controversy that comes to mind is the casting of Naomi Scott, who is not Middle Eastern, as Jasmine in Disney’s live action “Aladdin.”

This is the only detail about the film that I found disappointing, as I was hoping it to be as authentic as it appears to be. That being said, I still thought it was enjoyable overall.

I cannot remember seeing a romantic comedy that I

felt I had not seen before and I credit that to the film’s avoidance of clichés.

While watching it, I could not help but think that a film like this was long overdue.

I hope it opens doors for similar films in the future because everyone deserves to see someone like themselves on the big screen.

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## Record aims high, just misses mark

By Vicente Vera  
STAFF WRITER

He may have been a bit off on the release date, but that didn’t stop Travis Scott’s new album “Astroworld” from being certified gold just a week after its Aug. 3 release.

In the opening track “Stargazing,” there’s a bunch of annoying popping sounds that go off in between the beats of the song.

I think Scott might have been going for a record-crackle sound, which are noises that artists like XXXTENTACION and My Bloody Valentine are notable for producing.

The beat at the end of “Stargazing” is stupid crazy though. Major props to his producers.

The best thing about the second track, “Carousel,” is Frank Ocean. It was very refreshing to hear him on a feature since he doesn’t deal out too many of them. Too bad it’s over a beat that’s mostly a Beastie Boys sample looped over and over again.

After the third track, there was a pattern of good features. Scott put every other artist to good use, the only person that seemed to be slacking was Scott himself.

Drake, The Weeknd and Pharrell Williams are among the rhythm and blues giants that made contributions to “Astroworld.” By the end of the album, their verses are the ones that I enjoyed the most.

I don’t even remember what Scott’s voice sounds like. But like I mentioned, the production on the album as a whole is wild.

“Yosemite” sounded like a beat that could have fit perfectly on Justin Timberlake’s album “Future Sex / Love Sounds.”

The guitar loop played throughout the song by producer Turbo put me in the mood to walk the edge of a beach during a sunset.

There’s really no safe assumptions when it comes to predicting what the next song is going to sound like. The album halfway in has so far been either a hype song, or a slow song.

The beat for “Wake Up” carried the wide landscape of instrumentation that The Weeknd always flourishes in. This includes beaming synths pouring over deep bass drops that intentionally sound like they were recorded through a megaphone, in the shower. It was no surprise that Scott put him on this cut.

The music’s attack on your ears toward the end of the song might tempt you to turn down your headphones, but it’s worth listening to it all the way through at least one time.

As far as overall sound, Scott has been successful at adopting his predecessors’ engineering tricks. Much of the production on this album is leaning toward the “lo-fi” genre and industrial noises shaped out by West’s music.

Though that blue-

## album review

“Astroworld”

Rating:  
★★★★☆

Artist:  
Travis Scott  
Release Date:  
Aug. 3, 2018  
Genre:  
Hip-Hop/Rap

print leads “Astroworld” in the right direction, it ends up sounding like a discounted version of whatever theme Scott was trying to build on.

Contemporaries of Scott like Tyler, The Creator and Lil Pump have recognizable voices and music personas.

On “Astroworld,” it wasn’t clear who Scott was trying to be other than someone saying anything that appeals to his audience.

The aspect that ultimately doomed this album was his inability to make the transition from online marketing genius to recognizable vocal performer.

The album could have had a different name, less cringeworthy cover art and it still wouldn’t change the theme or atmosphere of the 17-track compilation.

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# Busy schedules diminish students' health



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A balance between school, work and life is almost impossible to achieve as full-time students.

Being a full-time student in addition to being a part-time or full-time employee can be detrimental for the body.

Good health requires great physical and mental health which is at risk with the stress created when students go to school, have a job and keep themselves involved in on campus and off campus activities.

My life schedule consists of various activities. I am a full-time student, I have a part-time job, I am involved in various organizations on campus and I make sure to create moments with my loved ones.

All these responsibilities require a tremendous amount of time, but I have been able to handle it for the past three years. However, many hours of my time are occupied and sleep is ultimately put at stake.

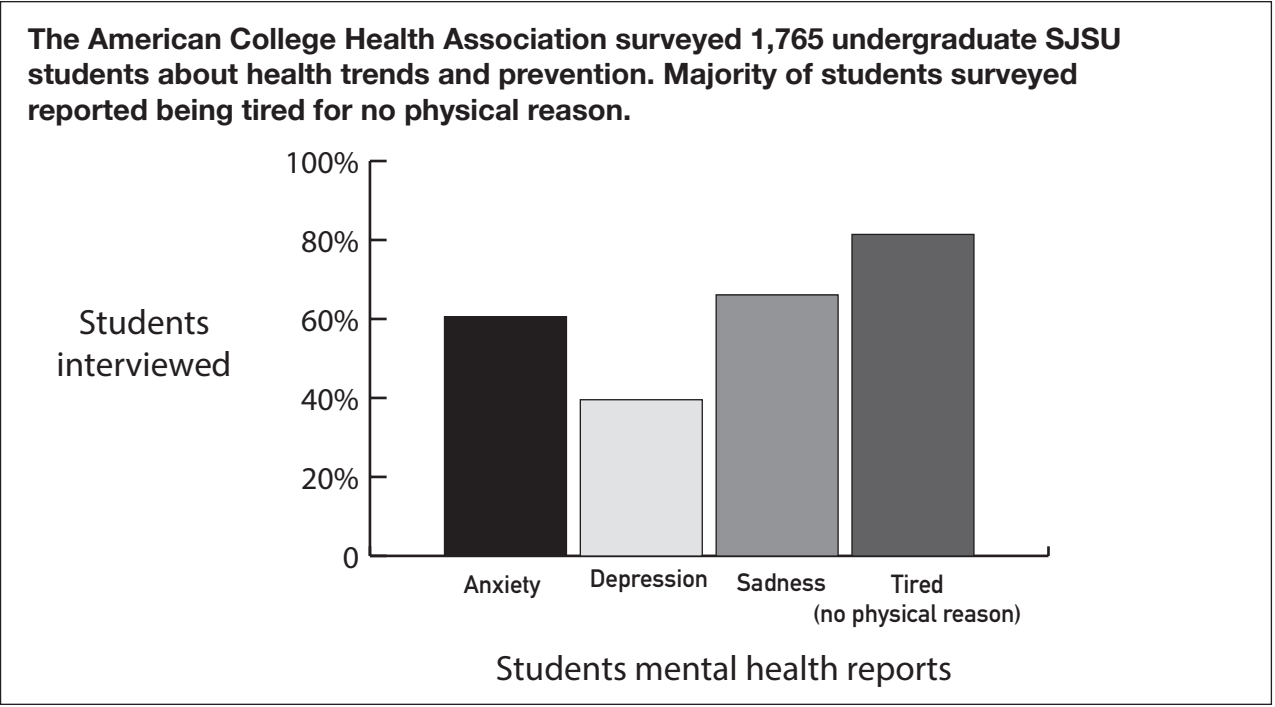
Students can balance their life schedules but we also need to understand sleep is necessary in order to stay engaged. Most full-time students can't jeopardize their grades because of work or vice versa because both activities go hand in hand.

Thus, students struggle to keep themselves engaged in their activities because their only solution is to find some balance.

Sociology senior, Paola Jimenez, said even after being a college student for the past three years, she is still struggling to manage her stress. "School does take up the majority of my time," Jimenez said. "School always comes first, but having to pay bills and other financial needs can be as important and stressful as well."

According to the American College Health Association survey, San Jose State students encounter stress from academics, work, relationships, financial struggles, health issues, activities they are involved, etc.

Psychology senior Ana Canela said her job doesn't allow her to have a set schedule complicating her schedule with the rest of



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her activities.

"Class schedules and activities remain at a consistent schedule so it's easier to balance those two. With work, it's a bit more difficult because I have to schedule it around my classes and other activities and hope that I have enough hours at the end of the week to pay bills," Canela said.

Students can definitely balance their time between their responsibilities, however, not much time is considered to let the body rest and recharge.

The American College Health Association surveyed 1,765 undergraduate SJSU students about health trends and prevention, 67 percent of them

reported to be stressed which is approximately 1,183 students.

With overwhelming amounts of physical and mental exercises, the body becomes tired which can affect students' work academically, personally and professionally.

With so many responsibilities, sometimes it is hard to find time to disengage and relax.

The National Institute of Mental Health explains stress affects everyone and clarifies being stressed periodically causes mental and physical health problems.

Chronic stress causes the digestive, nervous, immune and reproductive systems to stop working properly

creating health problems such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease or cancer.

In addition, mental disorders like anxiety and depression are two of the most common effects of constant stress.

As a college student, I can understand the little amount of time we have to care for our bodies and well being.

Maintaining good mental health is not easy. Sometimes we are not even aware of the risks and ways to treat them.

Personally, I aim to have similar class schedules each semester because that helps me. I have also had the same dance schedule for the last three years, which only makes my work and homework load easier

to handle.

"Students are able to find a balance as long as they make smart decisions and work on things that are a priority. There are also many resources and mentors that are able to help students out to narrow down their struggle," Jimenez said.

Achieving some balance is hard because at some point one activity or the other starts demanding more time than students have available, however, staying engaged and involved in various activities is definitely doable.

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## Family-based immigration shouldn't be threatened



Vicente Vera  
STAFF WRITER

fail based on the same standards.

Despite the information relayed by the federal government, family reunification is not inherently dangerous.

Most of the terrorists the president loves to use as boogeyman were radicalized in this country.

The president, for some odd reason, has an overriding bias that families of color don't fit the definition of "merit-based."

The Washington Post reported that in a Jan. 11 meeting the president held with a handful of senators in the Oval Office, Trump asked, "Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?" in reference to countries like Haiti and El Salvador.

He then said he wanted more immigrants from Norway.

Trump opts to ignore the economic and social disadvantages that plague many countries and is letting his ignorant bias get the better of him.

We have a failed immigration system. We need a faster system to process asylum claims so that immigrants don't have to spend so much time in legal limbo.

Villainizing immigration based on assumptions does nothing but promote xenophobia and divide among two communities of people who will always co exist.

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Melania Trump's parents deserved to be welcomed into the United States through the family-based immigration program. This program allows U.S. citizens to sponsor immigrant family members for an easier pathway toward citizenship.

My father came into this country though a family reunification process. If it were not for this policy, I would not have access to the same opportunities or quality of life that both immigrants and citizens seek in America.

It is obviously a good thing to reunify families whenever possible, which is why this program exists.

For this reason, the president should embrace this policy rather than turn it into a partisan issue to rally his most xenophobic followers.

The New York Times reported that Viktor and Amalija Knave, Melania Trump's parents, became U.S. citizens because of their daughter in a process that the president refers to as "chain migration."

His classification sounds a lot less welcoming than "family-based immigration," and that's the point.

Family-based immigration, according

to the State Department, falls into "Two groups of family based immigrant visa categories, including immediate relatives and family preference categories."

The parents of U.S. citizens are listed under the "immediate relatives" category, which grants unlimited visas.

I can understand if the president wanted to spin this into an issue of too many visas being distributed, but instead he went after entire communities of people with unsubstantiated evidence.

"Chain migration is a total disaster which threatens our security and our economy and provides a gateway for terrorism," the president declared on Jan. 4, 2017 at a meeting with GOP Senators to discuss immigration policy.

My suggestion to the president is that he take more trips abroad, away from the golf course, and maybe he'll start having empathy for the families he purposefully misrepresents.

If the president really cares so much about terrorism then maybe we should give all U.S. citizens the same background checks that we give potential immigrants.

Then, kick everyone out of the country if they

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# Breastfeeding is finally legalized



Melody Del Rio  
STAFF WRITER

Women have faced the debate on whether it is acceptable to breastfeed in public but now all 50 states have women's back on the situation.

Until July 2018, Idaho and Utah were the last two states to pass laws making it legal for women to publicly breastfeed their infants.

The notion that women feel the need to bring their child to a restroom to feed their baby in fear that others will stare or judge is unfair.

It's odd to think our court has to make decisions regarding the natural ways mothers use their body to feed their infants.

It is strange to think that it was ever illegal in the first place.

Breasts are considered a sexual body part in our society so when a mother is breastfeed-

ing in public, it is seen as indecent.

Mothers are asked to take their child to the bathroom to breastfeed which doesn't make any sense since everyone else isn't forced to eat their meals in a bathroom.

Restrooms are unsanitary and I would never eat in a restroom.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, breastfeeding benefits mothers and infants because of the "antibodies that protect infants from bacteria and viruses."

As a mother, you have the right to feed your child whenever or

wherever the need arises, and not have people stare at you like you're doing something wrong or disgusting.

No mother should be discriminated against for breastfeeding. You should not be disgusted by a woman's decision to breastfeed her baby.

According to Fox News, on Aug. 7, a woman was breastfeeding during dinner in Cabo, Mexico when she was approached by a man and was asked to cover up.

Her appropriate response was to cover her face instead of her chest, as asked by the random man in the restaurant.

The woman's response mirrored how ridiculous the whole situation was. However, some women are not as open when it comes to breastfeeding.

First-time mother and San Jose State alumna, Yadira Cazares, felt as if she needed to cover up at all times.

"Trying to adjust to the new mom role is tough," Cazares said. "Add breastfeeding [in public places] and it was a disaster for me. I only had a handful of stores I could visit that offered comfy breastfeeding rooms [luckily Nordstrom was one of them]."

From age seven to now, I've always understood that babies



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need to feed off of their mothers.

The whole breastfeeding process is natural therefore, public breastfeeding never bothered me because it was something that needed to be done.

Now that I am an adult who has a voice, I feel women should be understood and appreciated for the ways their body works.

There is nothing I dislike more than being told how to use my body and as a female adult who has hopes to have children one day, I completely stand by public breastfeeding.

A woman's right as a mother is to feed her baby wherever and however she decides. I believe that regardless of the decision, no woman should be

shamed for it.

The notion that women feel the need to bring their child to a restroom to feed their baby in fear that others will stare or judge is unfair.

Breastfeeding, after all, is completely natural.

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24. Requested

25. In an unsteady manner

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# Spartans drop regular season opener

By Gabriel Mungaray  
SPORTS EDITOR

The reigning Mountain West Conference regular season champion San Jose State women's soccer team opened the regular season with a 2-1 loss to 19th ranked Santa Clara University Friday night. This is the second straight year the Spartans have opened up the regular season with a loss to the Broncos.

Both teams were quiet for the first 45 minutes, each team had their chance to score the opening goal, but neither could capitalize on their early opportunities.

Though the Spartans did not record a shot in the first half, they did manage to have one corner kick right before the end of the first half. Spartan goalkeeper Paige Simoneau

stopped all four shots that came her way.

Santa Clara outshot SJSU 11-0 in the first half but the score remained tied 0-0 after the first 45 minutes.

The second half started much like the first half did with each team advancing the ball up and down the field with both defenses not letting the ball near the goal box.

This all changed when the Spartans broke the scoring drought at the 61:05 mark when junior forward Jamilexth Becerra received a



SJSU senior forward Darriell Franklin serves a ball up in the box past Santa Clara defender on Friday night at Spartan Soccer Complex.

pass from freshman forward Jada Wilson in the box, took a dribble and fired the ball past Santa Clara goalkeeper Melissa Lowder. This granted the Spartans the opening goal of the game and a 1-0 lead.

Becerra shared how it felt scoring her first goal of the season on opening night.

"It felt really good," Becerra said. "I loved having that feeling of giving my team a chance to have the lead and I feel that helped us step it up even more."

Santa Clara struck back quickly tying the score 1-1 after an unassisted goal from junior forward Maddy Gonzalez at the 71:44 mark of the game. Gonzalez dribbled around the Spartans' defender

and shot the ball at the far post to score her first goal of the season.

The game remained tied for only five minutes, the Broncos took a 2-1 lead on Gonzalez's second goal of the game in the 77th minute. Santa Clara senior forward Maria Sanchez assisted on the Broncos' second goal of the contest.

The Spartans were given one last scoring chance to tie the game with eight seconds left on a free kick on the far right of the goal box.

SJSU senior forward Darriell Franklin kicked the ball in the box but two Spartan players just missed the opportunity to put the ball in the back of the net for

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Jamilexth Becerra  
Forward

the game-tying goal.

Despite the loss on opening night, Simoneau felt the game was a great momentum boost for the team heading into the season.

"I think the game showed for itself," Simoneau said. "We put up a good fight, we do have a little bit of things to tweak, but honestly I'm really excited because our team showed we can compete with them and going into conference the competition isn't as high as they are ranked No. 19 in the nation so it's pretty exciting."

SJSU head coach Lauren Hanson was also pleased on how well her team performed on their opening game of the regular season.

"I saw a lot of fight, a lot of effort and hard work defensively. I thought a lot of great things came about from our substitutions today, a lot of young players played a lot

of minutes today and stepped up big time," Hanson said. "I thought Kristen Amarikwa played unreal for us in the middle of the park today and I told them at halftime that they just needed one opportunity and we got that one and unfortunately we just couldn't hold on, but I'm really proud of their effort today and it was a great start against a good team."

The Spartans will start off on the road to begin conference play and visit the University of Portland Pilots in Portland, Oregon on Friday, Aug. 24 at 8 p.m.

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## SJSU kicker contributes to community

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San Jose State Spartans' kicker and communications major Bryce Crawford was nominated for the 2018 Wuerffel Trophy watch list.

The Wuerffel Trophy watch list is an annual award given to college football players who demonstrated great service of athleticism and academics in their community.

The name of the event is an honor to quarterback Danny Wuerffel, where the trophy shows Wuerffel in a praying stance after scoring a touchdown.

According to SJSU, Crawford holds the second longest streak of consecutive field goals without a miss at 17.

He made 11 of them in 2016 and another six of them last year.

He has also connected on three field goals in a game four times while being the kicker for the Spartans.

In 2017, Crawford was recognized as an honorable mention All-Mountain West kicker for converting 14-of-17 field goals and was placed 28th nationally field goal percentage-wise.

He was also rewarded as a Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award national semifinalist.

"I grew up playing soccer, so that really got me into

"His work ethic never really stops from after the season all the way to now."

Harrison Hoffman  
Long snapper

kicking field goals," Crawford said. "Around sixth grade, I really got into kicking. I watched it on TV and I said that looks really fun."

Crawford's father was always a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Crawford looked up to the Cowboys' kicker Dan Bailey as an influence to his performance.

"He's extremely accurate, he's somewhat who I have a similar build to, which is nice and it's good to look up to see him and his strong leg," Crawford said.

Since high school, Crawford has given back to the community, which he considers to be one of his proudest accomplishments. He is currently getting himself involved in elderly homes and elementary schools.

"It's a real honor," Crawford said. "I really like to try and give to back to the community whatever way I can."

Long snapper Harrison Hoffman, junior accounting major and a close friend, praises Crawford for being a cool and calm player throughout last season.

He said he appreciates his contribution during

the off-season and believes Crawford will perform even better this year.

"His work ethic never really stops from after the season all the way to now," Hoffman said.

Special teams coordinator Fred Guidici said he is content with how the Spartans have been showcasing performance-wise during their training and is mostly focusing on improving their timing.

"Bryce has been really consistent, his backup, Matthew Mercurio's doing well, and Harrison has been hundred percent on his snaps," Guidici said.

Both the coaches and players said they are confident in their performance after the training they have done. Head coach Brent Brennan said he is enthusiastic for the future of the Spartans and the competition they will be facing.

"Well, I think we're gonna be better," Brennan said. "I think we've worked hard this fall camp. Guys are competing hard. Guys are starting to buy into supporting each other. I'm excited about where we're at and I'm excited about where we're going."

Brennan also admires Crawford's work off the field.

"I think it's really special for a young man, who's a good of a player like Bryce, to not get caught up in his own fanfare and to find ways to give back to contribute to the community is fantastic," Brennan said.

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Spartan senior kicker Bryce Crawford punts the ball away during a practice on Friday.

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